



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Removal of Navy Nautical Mile Tower 4 (12/13-SD-26)

**LOCATION:** Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve **COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The intent of the project is to remove Tower 4 of the Navy's Measured Mile Course, located adjacent to Torrey Pines Golf Course within Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. This ca. 1927 metal lattice structure, owned by the Navy, has been rendered obsolete due to modern vessel speed calibration technology. The Navy intends to disassemble and remove the tower as part of its footprint reduction program aimed at reducing facility maintenance costs. The structure was determined ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the California Office of Historic Preservation in January 2013 following the Navy's submittal of a DPR 523 historic resource recordation form.

The concrete footings will be left in place as an indicator of the structure's location, with the potential for off-site interpretation regarding the site's role in San Diego and California naval history.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Diego Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption  
☒ Categorical Exemption    Section: Federal Exemption under NEPA

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by DPR specialists, no potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. As this is a federal undertaking involving federally-owned property, the exemption is based on the Navy's record of Categorical Exclusion signed and dated June 25, 2012.

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